



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: David R. Knighton et al.

Attorney Docket: EMB1007USC2

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Examiner: Fadi H. Dahbour

For: VEIN HARVESTING SYSTEM AND METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of three months (from September 20, 2005, to December 20, 2005) within which to respond to the Office Action dated June 20, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1010.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension of time (\$510.00) and additional claims fees (\$500.00). Applicants assert that they are entitled to small entity status. If additional time is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefore. It is believed that no additional fees are due in

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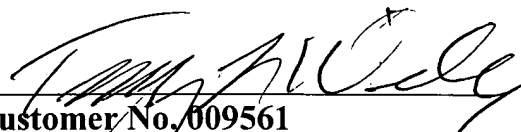
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connection with this Petition. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2312.

Respectfully submitted,

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